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SUBJ: DEP SEC VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THROUGH PAPUA NEW GUINEA COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN CANBERRA COMMENTS GIVEN BELOW ON DEP SEC VISIT TO PORT MORESBY. PNG GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS THAT MESSRS RUCH AND SOMARE WILL MEET AND THAT ADDITIONAL HOTEL ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR MR. DOOLIN.

2. ITINERARY FOLLOWS IN GENERAL THAT PROVIDED REF B WITH SOME SMALL ALTERATIONS IN TIMING. EMBOFF WILL DISCUSS ITINERARY ON ARRIVAL IN PORT MORESBY FEB 26 AND WILL A) SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PRESS AS INDICATED PARA 2 REF A, AND B) PROPOSE THAT AFTER-NOON'S BUSINESS INCLUDING PRESS MEETING BE CONCLUDED BY 5:00 PM IN ORDER FOR DEPSEC TO HAVE REASONABLE REST PERIOD BEFORE RECEPTION SCHEDULED AT 6:00 PM. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT VENUE FOR EXCHANGE OF GIFTS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO HAVE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS DURING RECEPTION.

3. TEXT OF EMBASSY DRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND Q'S AND A'S FOR PRESS MEETING BEING SENT SEPTELS.

4. TEXT OF CABLE FROM PNG COMMISSION IS:
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"MEETING ON ARRIVAL - TENTATIVELY MINISTERS KIKI AND OLEWALE PLUS CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES PLUS OFFICIALS CONROY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE AND LYON FROM AUSTRALIAN OFFICE AND AIRPORT MANAGER BRIAN LEE. AFTER MEETING MINISTERS AT AIRPORT PARTY WILL DRIVE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR A SHORT REST. TALKS ARE PROGRAMMED FOR 1430 HOURS AND PARTY WILL HAVE DISCUSSION WITH CONROY AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS TO BE FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY WILL RECEIVE THE PARTY AND THE PARTY WILL SPEND A SHORT TIME OBSERVING THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN SESSION. MR. RUSH WILL THEN HAVE IN-OFFICE TALKS AT THE HOUSE WITH CHIEF MINISTER, MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, LEADER OF OPPOSITION AND THE SPEAKER AS HOUSE BUSINESS PERMITS BEFORE DEPARTING AT 1715 HOURS FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE TO PREPARE FOR A RECEPTION AT 1800 HOURS GIVEN BY MINISTER KIKI. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE PARTY WILL DEPART FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE FOR THE RECEPTION AT GATEWAY HOTEL AT 1745 HOURS. WE SUGGEST THE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS TAKE PLACE AT 1830 HOURS AT THE RECEPTION. DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND MRS. RUSH WILL DEPART AT 1930 HOURS FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE FOR DINNER AT 2000 HOURS. TRANSPORT FOR GIFTS WILL BE PROVIDED. AS PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED PNG GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE PARTY COULD HAVE LUNCH ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL AT PORT MORESBY. ALL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING VEHICLES FOR THE PARTY, THE ARRIVAL OF THE AIRCRAFT HAVE ALL BEEN NOTED AND CONFIRMED. A SINGLE ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN BOOKED FOR MR. DOOLIN AND AN EXTRA SECURITY OFFICER AT THE GATEWAY HOTEL FOR 28 FEBRUARY."

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